

**TOWN OF GRANBY
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
December 9, 2014**

PRESENT: Chairman Anna Sogliuzzo; Susan Dwyer; Bill Sleavin; Carolyn Flint

ABSENT: Vickie Dirienzo; Eric Myers; Lana Torres

ALSO PRESENT: Cole Goodrow, Granby Memorial High School Student

GUEST SPEAKER: Deb Simon

Chairman Anna Sogliuzzo confirmed a quorum and called the special meeting of the Conservation Commission to order at 7:08 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes from the November 18, 2014 special meeting were reviewed by the Commission.

ON A MOTION by B. Sleavin, seconded by C. Flint, the minutes from the November 18, 2014 special meeting were approved (4-0-0).

BARKHAMSTED BIODIVERSITY STUDY

Deb Simon presented the Commission with information about Barkhamsted's experience with their Biodiversity Study. Barkhamsted's study focused on amphibians and reptiles because they cannot easily relocate if their habitat is disturbed. Those who participated in the study committed to working at dawn for approximately one hour because that is the time amphibians and reptiles are most active. She suggested that the Commission inquire about grants from the Farmington River Enhancement Grant and the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies. Also, letters must be sent to landowners requesting permission to be on their land. Granby's Natural Resource Inventory can be used as a resource for this study. Ms. Simon volunteered her services to help with Granby's study.

CLEAN ENERGY INITIATIVES

Chairman A. Sogliuzzo met with the town manager to discuss Clean Energy Initiatives. She feels that the Conservation Commission does not have the resources to thoroughly research all avenues of Clean Energy Initiatives and suggests that perhaps a subcommittee of three to four people could be formed to keep current with the vast amount of information available on this subject. The subcommittee would be responsible for providing all interested parties with updated facts and information about such programs as: Solarize Connecticut; research incentive programs; energy conservation programs; energy audits; choosing electricity providers and any other programs available. Chairman A. Sogliuzzo will write a letter to the Board of Selectman requesting approval for the formation of such a subcommittee.

SALMON BROOK PARK PROPOSED SOLAR PANEL SIGN

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No business at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman A. Sogliuzzo presented the Commission with the design for reusable bags with Energize Connecticut on one side and the Granby Conservation Commission on the other. Commissioners approved the design.

NEW BUSINESS

No business at this time.

ADJOURN

ON A MOTION by B. Sleavin, seconded by C. Flint, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0-0) to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Conservation Commission is scheduled for January 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Police Department Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Jini Ruscitti
Recording Secretary